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Rise, Progress, and Present State

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County Infirmary at *Northampton*,

Established by a General and very great
Meeting of the Nobility, Gentry, and
Clergy, on *September 20, 1743.*

WHOEVER reflects how few *Arguments for this*
of the Laborious Poor have *Establishment.*
Houses fit for a Bed of Sick-

ness: — How few of them can be attended there, being at a great Distance from each other, and yet farther from the Professors of Physick and Surgery; — and how much the Charge of Medicine and Attendance on them separately must necessarily amount to, will soon see the great Usefulness and extensive good Consequences of an Infirmary, *where only* the Sick and Lame Poor can have the Advantage of *immediate Consultations* in all urgent Cases; — of *good and proper* Diet; — of the *best* Medicines, and *regularly* administred; — of clean and constant Attendance by approved Nurses daily versed in it, — and indeed of all the *much to be wished for* Conveniences and *most expeditious* Helps towards a safe Recovery: — These Considerations, joined with the remarkable Success that has hitherto attended the several other Infirmarys in this Kingdom, proved a prevailing Inducement toward the Establishment of THIS in the Town of *Northampton.*

Foundation on Sept.
20, 1743.

The Proposals for the Execution of this good Work were made at the Summer Assizes in July 1743, and receiving the *immediate* and *substantial* Approbation of the High Sheriff and Gentlemen of the Grand Jury, it was afterwards agreed to fix a Day for a general Meeting, which was accordingly held on the 20th of September following, when, by the unanimous Consent of a very numerous Assembly of the Nobility, Gentry and Clergy, it was resolved to institute this INFIRMARY, and by their liberal Subscriptions and Benefactions a Sum was raised sufficient to support it, — A large House (capable of containing 80 Beds) with spacious Gardens, was immediately taken in *Northampton*, the Situation of which for Air, as well as for all Sorts of Requisites for an INFIRMARY, is preferable to almost any other in *England*. — By the *Lady-Day* following the House was properly altered and furnished, — 45 Beds were erected, and the Infirmary accordingly opened for the Reception of Patients.

Committee.

A Committee of five or more Governors meet every *Saturday Morning* (being Market-Day) at Eleven o'Clock, to do the Current Business of the Infirmary, — to receive and examine the Reports of the Visitors, — to admit and discharge Patients, — to receive the Complaints and Proposals of all Persons, — and to prepare such Matters as are proper for the Consideration of General Courts.

Attendance of Physicians and Surgeons.

Dr. *Stonhouse*, with one of the Surgeons, attends the Committee, as *Receiving Physician*, on one *Saturday*, — Dr. *Mayne* in like Manner on the other, and Dr. *Kimberley*, our Physician extraordinary, gives his Advice when desired on any Emergency.

Assistance of Clergy.

That the Advantages of a REFORMATORY may as far as possible be added to those of an INFIRMARY, and that the Benefit of their Souls (in Obedience to the Injunctions of our most holy Religion) may be consulted as well as that of their Bodies, the Clergy of *Northampton* attend in their Turns — to visit the Sick, — to read Prayers in the Wards, — and to give the Communion at proper Times, (for which Purpose a Chalice and Paten has been presented to the Society by an unknown Benefactor) and Care is taken that Patients of *all* Persuasions shall be attended in the Manner they desire.

No



No Person is to be admitted a Patient (except in Cases of Accidents, which are to be taken in at any Hour of the Day and Night, Beds being kept empty for that Purpose) without a Recommendatory Letter, the Form of which is as follows:

Admission of Patients.

To the Governors of the COUNTY INFIRMARY at Northampton.

GENTLEMEN,

I Desire you will admit, if a proper Object of the Charity, with regard to his Distemper (being well satisfied he is so as to his Circumstances) the Bearer A. B. who lives in the Parish of _____ to be an In or Out-Patient of the County Infirmary.

Letter of Recommendation.

And you'll oblige,

GENTLEMEN,

Your humble Servant.

These Recommendatory Letters must be delivered every Saturday Morning between Eleven and Twelve o'Clock; but no In-Patients (Accidents or Cases admitting of no Delay excepted) can be received unless Fifteen Shillings be deposited, as Caution-Money to indemnify the Infirmary from any Charge which may arise from the burying or removing them, which Money shall be returned, unless the Governors be necessitated to defray the Expences either of Burial or Removal. — Of one recommended to be an Out-Patient no Caution Money is required.

Time of delivering it.

When there is not Room for all the Patients recommended at once, to be received into the Infirmary, those are taken in whose Admission the Committee and receiving Physician are of Opinion will most effectually answer the Ends of the Charity; and the rest, if proper Objects, are admitted as Out-Patients till there is Room for them in the Infirmary.

Methods of Proceeding when the Infirmary is almost full.

Most Consumptive and Asthmatick Cases are more capable of Relief as Out-Patients, than in the Infirmary.

Every Subscriber has a Power of recommending one In and one Out-Patient, for each Guinea of his annual Subscription, but (because of the great

Privileges of the Recommenders.

Number

Numbers of Contributors) no Subscribers, even tho' of twenty Guineas or upwards, can recommend more than five *In* and five *Out* Patients within the Year, or have more than that Number at once on the Infirmary Books at any Time.

Every Person who has the Power of recommending an *In*-Patient, may, in lieu of it, at his Option, have the Power of recommending two *Out*-Patients.

Caution against Recommending improper Persons.

To prevent even the least Suspicion of Abuse in this well constituted Charity, it is hoped that Gentlemen will take care to recommend only such Patients as are proper Objects for the Infirmary, with regard to their CIRCUMSTANCES, and that they be VERY CAREFUL in their Inquiries (it being contrary to our Design to relieve those *who are able to pay for their Cure*) and at the same Time 'twill be an Injury to the Gentlemen of the Faculty, whose Care and Attendance *gratis* we most thankfully acknowledge, — but with regard to their DISTEMPERS it must always be left to the Judgment of the receiving Physician, whether they be proper Objects (according to the Limitations of our Statutes) who is to determine likewise whether they are to be admitted as *In* or *Out*-Patients; and 'tis presumed that no Governor can be so *unreasonable* as to take the Physician's Decision amiss, — upon whose Integrity and Judgment we must entirely depend, not only as we think such Gentlemen *incapable* of abusing the Trust we repose in them, but as it would be *apparently* unjustifiable for us to pretend to judge of the Nature of Diseases, and the Probability of their being *reliev'd* by the Gentlemen of the Profession.

Conclusion.

By these Regulations, and encouraged by the Care and Liberality of so many Subscribers and Benefactors, this Undertaking has been pursued thus far with such extraordinary Success: But above all, as it is so visibly supported by the Blessing of God, we hope, and believe it will continue for Ages, to promote his Glory, and be to Numbers of Poor yet *unborn* a Source of Health to the Mind as well as the Body.

The House-Visitors Office being of so great Importance to the Management of the Charity, we have here subjoined an Account of it, and so much the rather as it contains a Recapitulation of the chief Rules, on which the Domestick Order of the Infirmary depends.

IN order most effectually to answer the Ends of the Charity, and to prevent (as far as in us lies) even *the least* Mismanagement or Neglect from any Quarter whatsoever, two Contributors are appointed, at *every* Weekly Board, to visit the House, together or by Turns, once every Day, for the ensuing Week, in Course, as they stand in the List *alphabetically*: And they have Notice given them by the subsequent *Printed* ‡ Letter (signed by the Chairman of the *Weekly* Board) but provided *such* Persons cannot serve, the Committee appoints the *next* in Order in *their* stead: And if *one* or *both* of these should at any Time be *indisposed*, or, from any *other* Cause, not be able to attend, he or they have Power to appoint, *in Writing*, some other Contributor or Contributors, to officiate in *his* or *their* stead.

‡ *The Form of the Letter sent to the HOUSE-VISITORS.*

S I R,

THE Committee have nominated you (*according to your Turn in the alphabetical List*) *one of the House-Visitors for the ensuing Week, and Mr.* *your Associate.*

As the Oeconomy and Credit of the Infirmary are greatly dependent upon the daily Attendance of the House-Visitors, and their particular Inquiries, (as specified in the RULES) you are earnestly desired to discharge this important Office with great Exactness; and, if absolutely prevented by Business, Sickness, &c. to appoint another Contributor in your stead.

Chairman of the Committee now sitting.

Secretary.

County INFIRMARY in Northampton,

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The House-Visitors are to make the following Enquiries,
viz.

1. *Whether Prayers have been duly read?*
2. *Whether any of the In or Out-Patients, or Servants, have been guilty of Cursing, Swearing, Drinking, abusive or indecent Language, or any other disorderly Behaviour?*
3. *Whether the Patients have been well and orderly attended, by the Physicians and Surgeons, as well as by the Apothecary, Nurses, and Servants?*
4. *Whether the Provisions are good, have been duly weighed, and distributed according to the Rules of the Infirmary; and whether proper Entrances have been regularly made relating to these Particulars?*
5. *Whether the Matron see that the Gates are opened and locked up at the Times appointed, and take the Keys into her own Custody?*
6. *Whether she follow the Directions given Her when any of the Visitors fail in their Attendance?*
7. *Whether She take care that the Rules of the Infirmary be observed, and publicly read in the Wards every Sunday Morning, and see that all the Patients are in their respective Wards every Morning and Evening.*
8. *Whether all the Patients (except those ordered to the contrary by their Physician or Surgeon) arise at Seven in the Summer, and Eight in the Winter, and go to Bed at Ten in the Summer, and Nine in the Winter?*
9. *Whether the Apothecary go into the Wards every Morning, and inquire into the State of the Patients Health, and make a daily Report of the State thereof to the Physicians in Ordinary at the Time and Place by them appointed?*
10. *Whether the Apothecary has receiv'd any Money, and of whom, for the Use of the Sweating Chair, or Hot and Cold Bath; and whether the Patients have been interrupted at their appointed Hours of Bathing or Sweating by the Admission of any Stranger?*
11. *Whether He be absent himself from the Infirmary above two Hours at a Time without Leave, or for any less Time, without acquainting the Matron where He is to be found?*
12. *Whether the Cook has dress'd the Provisions neatly, and pursuant to the Rules of the particular Diet, as directed by the Physicians?*
13. *Whether the Nurses, Cook and other Servants dine together at the Rated Hour, clean the Wards and serve up the Breakfasts at the Times appointed?*
14. *Whether*


14. *Whether the Porter suffer any of the In-Patients to go out without Leave from the Physicians?*
15. *Whether He ever let in any Stranger without acquainting the Matron?*
16. *Whether any Liquors or Eatables are ever carried out of the Infirmary, or brought in to the Patients?*
17. *Whether any of the Men Patients go into the Women's Wards, or Women into the Men's, without Permission of the Matron; or whether any Patients are known to be guilty of Misbehaviour either in the Infirmary or out of it?*
18. *Whether any other Offence has been committed against the Rules and Orders of the Infirmary?*

These House-Visitors walk Daily thro' all the Wards in the Infirmary with white Wands in their Hands, by Way of Distinction; (to the End that on their Appearance the Patients may immediately stand by the Side of their respective Beds) and whilst they *examine* the Patients, they order the Nurses and Servants to *withdraw*; and they afterwards call the other Servants, together with the *Apothecary* and *Matron*, before them into the *Board Room*, and make the same Enquiries of them: And then they *forthwith* enter their Reports on these Heads in the House Visitor's Book, which is constantly laid before the Committee every *Saturday*.

N. B. As we have good Reason to hope that the Religious, Virtuous and Benevolent (whose Fortunes enable them to do good) may be disposed to contribute to the Support of the Infirmary by their last Will and Testament, we have thought fit to publish the following Form:

Item, *I give and bequeath unto A. B. and C. D. the Sum of*
upon Trust, and to the Intent that they,
or either of them, do pay the same to the Treasurer, or Treasurers, for the Time being, of a Society who now call themselves the Governors of the County Infirmary at Northampton,
which said Sum of *I desire may be*
applied towards carrying on the charitable Designs of the said Society.

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A N N U A L S U B S C R I B E R S .

 *Those who have increas'd their Subscriptions, are distinguish'd by Italicks; those mark'd with a Star, are the Twelve chosen for the ensuing Year (according to the Tenth Statute) Members of the Standing Committee; and the Date of the Year shews the Time from which each Subscription commenc'd.*

The Most Noble JOHN, Duke of *Montagu*,
Grand Visitor.

The Right Honourable JAMES, Earl of
Northampton, Perpetual President.

Five Guineas and upwards.

	A	l. s. d.
1743	M RS. Arundell, <i>Stoke-Park</i>	15 15 0
	B	
1743	Richard Backwell, Esq; <i>Great Billing</i>	5 5 0
	C	
1743	Right Hon. the Earl of Cardigan, <i>Deane</i>	21 0 0
1743	Right Hon. Lord Viscount Cullen, <i>Rushon</i>	5 5 0
1743	Hon. George Compton, Esq; (Member for <i>Northampton</i>)	5 5 0
1743	Thomas Cartwright, Esq; <i>Aynho</i> (Member for the County)	5 5 0
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1743	William Cartwright, Esq; <i>Aynho</i>	5	5	0
1743	Thomas Clendon, Esq; <i>Mears-Ashby</i>	5	5	0
1743	Mr. Ed. Cave, <i>London</i> , (Master of <i>Northampton Cotton Mills</i>)	5	5	0

D

1743	Rev. Sir John Dolben, Bart. <i>Thingdon</i>	5	5	0
1743	Sir Thomas Drury, Bart. <i>Overstone</i>	5	5	0
1743	Revd. Dr. Doddridge, <i>Northampton</i>	5	5	0

E

1743	Right Hon. the Earl of <i>Euston</i> , <i>London</i> , } deceas'd	21	0	0
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F

1743	Right Hon. the Earl of <i>Fitz-Williams</i> , } <i>Milton</i>	10	10	0
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G

1743	His Grace the Duke of <i>Grafton</i> , } <i>Regis</i>	21	0	0
1743	Lady Betty Germain, <i>Drayton</i>	10	10	0

H

1743	Right Hon. Earl of <i>Halifax</i> , <i>Horton</i>	21	0	0
1743	Right Hon. Countess of <i>Halifax</i> , <i>ditto</i>	10	10	0
1743	Right Hon. Lord Viscount <i>Hatton</i> , <i>Kirby</i>	5	5	0
1743	William <i>Hanbury</i> , Esq; <i>Kelmarsh</i>	5	5	0

I

1743	Sir Edmund <i>Isham</i> , Bart. <i>Lamport</i> , (Member for the County)	5	5	0
1743	Sir Wm. <i>Irby</i> , Bart. <i>Whiston</i>	5	5	0
1743	Joseph <i>Jekyll</i> , Esq; <i>Dallington</i>	5	5	0
1743	Sir Charles Wake Jones, <i>Courten-Hall</i>	5	5	0
1743	Ambrose <i>Ilted</i> , Esq; <i>Eaton</i>	5	5	0
1743	Mrs. Ann <i>Ilted</i> , <i>Northampton</i>	5	5	0

K

1743	Valentine <i>Knightley</i> , Esq; <i>Fausley</i>	5	5	0
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L

1743	Right Hon. Lady <i>Leominster</i> , <i>London</i> , } deceas'd	5	5	0
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M

1743	His Grace the Duke of <i>Montagu</i> , } <i>Boughton</i> , (Grand Visitor)	25	0	0
1743	His Grace the Duke of <i>Marlborough</i> , } <i>Blenheim</i>	21	0	0
1743	Right Hon. the Marquis of <i>Rockingham</i> , } <i>Great Harrowden</i>	5	5	0
1743	Tho. <i>Medlycote</i> , Esq; <i>Cottingham</i>	5	5	0
	b	1743	George	

1743 George Montagu, Esq; (Member for Northampton) Windsor } 5 5 0

N

1743 Right Hon. Earl of Northampton, (Perpetual President of the Hospital, and Recorder of Northampton) Castle-Ashby } 21 0 0

1743 Right Hon. Lord North and Guilford, Roxton } 5 5 0

1743 Rev. Dr. Newton, Principal of Hertford College, Oxford } 5 5 0

O

1743 John Orlebar, Esq; Hinwicke, Bedfordshire 5 5 0

P

1743 Right Hon. Earl of Pomfret, Easton Neston 10 10 0

1743 Right Hon. Lord Palmerston, Great Houghton 5 5 0

1743 Mr. John Palmer, Eton 5 5 0

1744 Right Rev. Lord Bishop of Peterborough, deceas'd } 6 6 0

S

1743 Right Hon. the Earl of Strafford, Boughton 5 5 0

1743 Right Hon. the Earl of Sandwich, Sturtlow, Huntingdonshire } 5 5 0

1743 Thomas Samwell, Esq; Upton 5 5 0

1743 Wm. Stratford, L. L. D. (Commissary of the Archdeaconry of Richmond, Yorkshire) Lancaster } 5 5 0

1744 John Shipton, Esq; Woollaston 5 5 0

T

1743 Right Hon. the Earl of Thanet, Newbottle 5 5 0

1743 John Harvey - Thursby, Esq; Abington 5 5 0

W

1743 Right Hon. the Earl of Winchelsea 5 5 0

1743 Right Hon. Lord Chief Justice Willes, Astrop 5 5 0

1743 Mrs. Ward, Aynho 5 5 0

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N. B. All who subscribe five Pounds and upwards are standing Members of the Committee; and the Physicians and Surgeons of the Hospital, for the Time being, are Governors with the same Privileges at the four Stated Courts.

Three

Three Guineas.

1743 **H**^Fenry Fermor, Esq; *Tusmore, Oxfordshire, de-*
ceas'd

1747 **R** Justinian Rainsford, Esq; *Brixworth*

1743 **S**ir Thomas Samwell, Bart. *Bradwin*

9 9 0

Two Guineas

1743 **M**^{R.} William Atkins, Northampton

1743 **B** J. Blencowe, Esq; *Marston St. Lawrence*

1743 Rev. Mr. Baron, *Pattishall*

1744 Rev. Dr. Brown, Archdeacon of *Northampton*, and
Master of University College, *Oxon*

1745 Robert Basket, Esq; *Putney*

1743 **C** Nathaniel Castleton, Esq; *Pitchley*

1743 Miss Cartwright, *Aynho*

1743 Rev. Dr. Crane, *Hardingstone*

1743 Rev. Mr. Cumberland, *Stanwick*

1746 George Cunningham, Esq; *Northampton*

1743 **D** Sir John Dryden, Bart. *Cannons-Ashby*

1743 Mrs. Elizabeth Dolben, *Thingdon*

1743 Mr. William Dicey, *Northampton*

1744 Lady d'Anvers, *Culworth*

1744 Sir Henry D'Anvers, *Culworth*

1744 Colonel Dejeant

1743 **E** Justinian Ekins, Esq; *Weston-Farvel*

1744 **F** William Fabian, Esq; Surgeon and Man-Midwife,
Mayor-Elect of *Northampton*

1743 **G** Mrs. Gilman, *Daventry*
b 2

1743 Charles

H

- 1743 Charles Hoyer, Esq; *Wicken*
 1743 Mr. Benjamin Hill, *Northampton*
 1743 * Mr. Thomas Holmes, *ditto*
 1743 Mr. Samuel Hartshorn, Attorney at Law, *Northampton*
 1744 George Hill, Esq; *Rothwell*

I

- 1743 Lady Isham, *Lampport*
 1743 Rev. Dr. Isham, Vice Can. *Oxon.* and Rector of *Lampport*
 1743 Rich. Jennings, Esq; *Wotton by Weedon*

K

- 1743 Rev. Mr. Knapp, *Church-Brampton*
 1743 Charles Kimberley, M. D. Physician Extraordinary to
 the County-Infirmery

L

- 1743 Thomas Langton, Esq; *Teaton*
 1743 William Loveday, Esq; *Brackley*
 1743 Mrs. Loveday, *ditto*

M

- 1743 Right Hon. Lady Ann Montague, *London*
 1743 Rev. Dr. Mather, Rector of *Helmdon*, President of Cor-
 pus Christi College, *Oxford*
 1745 Rev. Dr. James Musgrave, L. L. D. Fellow of St.
 John's College, *Oxford*

P

- 1743 John Parkhurst, Esq; *Catesby*
 1743 Mrs. Palmer, *Eaton*
 1745 * John Pennington, Esq; Register, *Northampton*

R

- 1743 Anthony Reynolds, Esq; (Master of St. John's Hospi-
 tal, *Northampton*)
 1743 Mr. Francis Robinson, *Willby*

S

- 1744 Mrs. Snooke, *London*

T

- 1743 Thomas Thornton, Esq; *Brockhall*
 1743 Bartholomew Tate, Esq; *Delapree*
 1744 Rev. Dr. Trimnell, Archdeacon of *Leicester*

U

- 1744 Unknown Hand, by Mr. Ward, *Holliwell*

W

- 1743 * Thomas Ward, Esq; *Houghton*
 1743 John Woodhull, Esq; *Thensford*
 1743 Hon. Col. Whitworth, *Sholebrooke Lodge*
 1743 * Rev. Mr. Whalley, *Eaton*

1743 Mr.

- 1743 Mr. Jonathan Warner, *Northampton*
 1743 Mr. Alderman Woolston, *ditto*, Treasurer
 1743 * Rev. Mr. Willis, Little Billing

Y

- 1743 Rev. Dr. Yarborough, Rector of *Aynho*, Principal of
 Brazen-Nose College, *Oxford*

III 6 0

N. B. No Subscriber of less than two Pounds is a Governor in any Hospital yet established.

One Guinea.

A

- 1743 R E V. Mr. Austin, *Grafton*
 1743 R Rev. Mr. Allicocke, *Lamport*
 1743 Rev. Mr. Adams, *Preston*
 1743 Dr. Adams, *Daventry*
 1743 Mr. Ald. Paul Agutter, *Northampton*
 1743 Mr. Henry Abraham, *Purslow*
 1743 Rev. Mr. Allen, *Kettering*
 1745 Rev. Mr. Affleck, *Thingdon*
 1746 Mr. James Agutter, sen. *Northampton*
 1746 Mr. James Agutter, jun. Wine Merchant at *Northampton*

B

- 1743 * Dr. Ernly Bertie, (Deputy Recorder of *Northampton*)
 1743 Wheeler Brooke, Esq; *Oakley*
 1743 Major John Ball (General Wade's Regiment of Dragoons) *Dingley*
 1743 Mr. Charles Brafield, *Blisworth*
 1743 Mrs. Bell, *Hampstead*
 1743 Mr. Francis Burton, *Aynho*
 1743 Mr. Arthur Brookes, *Kettering*
 1743 Mr. Thomas Breton, Apothecary, *Northampton*
 1743 Mr. Thomas Binyon, *Ditto*
 1743 Mr. Thomas Barnes, *Ditto*
 1743 Mr. William Butlin, *Ditto*
 1743 Mr. John Barker, *Eaton*
 1743 Rev. Mr. Francis Baker, Vicar of *Starton*
 1743 Mr. Alderman Baily, *Northampton*
 1743 Mr. Edward Binyon, *Ditto*
 1745 Mrs. Blis, *Northampton*

1743 Miss

C

- 1743 Miss Mary Calamy, *Harborough*
- 1743 Miss Sarah Calamy, *Ditto*
- 1743 Edward Clerke, Esq; *Watford*
- 1743 Rev. Mr. Clarke, *Northampton*
- 1743 Rev. Mr. Clendon, *Harlestone*
- 1743 Rev. Mr. Clarke, *East-Haddon*, deceas'd
- 1743 Mr. Thomas Cooper, sen. *Northampton*
- 1744 Rev. Mr. Conant, *Hastingleigh in Kent*
- 1745 Mr. Sloswick Carr, at the Red-Lyon Inn, *Northampton*
- 1745 Mr. Tresham Chapman, *Would*

D

- 1743 Mrs. D'Anvers, *Thorp Mandeville*
- 1743 Mr. William Davis, *Towcester*
- 1743 Mr. Joseph Daniel, *Northampton*
- 1746 Mr. Robert Dicey, Bookseller and Stationer, *Northampton*

E

- 1743 Mrs. Ekins, *Wellingborough*
- 1746 Mr. George Eaton, *Northampton*

F

- 1743 Charles Fox, Esq; *Chalcomb*
- 1743 Mrs. Eliz. Freeman, *Wellingborough*
- 1743 Rev. Mr. Floyd, *Daventry*
- 1743 Rev. Mr. Augustine Fish, *Sywell*
- 1743 Mr. Thomas Flether, *Duncott*
- 1743 Mr. Alderman Farrin, *Northampton*
- 1744 Mr. Frederick, *Wellingborough*
- 1745 Mr. Jeffery Filher, Bone-Setter, *Archefer*

G

- 1743 Rev. Dr. Rich. Grey, Rector of *Hinton*, — Prebendary of *St. Paul's* — Commissary and Official of *Leicester*
- 1743 Rev. Mr. Garnet, *Middleton Cheney*
- 1743 John Goodday, Esq; *Bradwell Hall, Bucks*
- 1743 Rev. Mr. Grant, *Wellingborough*
- 1743 Mr. Thomas Goodwin, *Northampton*
- 1743 Mr. William Goodchild, *Towcester*
- 1743 Mr. Charles Gibbs, *Ditto*
- 1743 * Mr. Alderman Gibson, *Northampton*
- 1743 Mr. Francis Giffard, *Northampton*
- 1744 Mr. John Guillon, *Wellingborough*

H

- 1743 Rev. Mr. Holme, (Rector of *Wilden*) *Wellingborough*
- 1743 Timothy Harris, Esq; *Brackley*
- 1743 Mr. William Hartley, *Gayton*
- 1743 Rev. Mr. Hunt, *Stoke-Doyle*

1743 Rev.

- 1743 Rev. Mr. Nath. Heyrick, *Loddington*
 1743 Rev. Mr. Horton, *Guildenburgh*
 1743 Rev. Mr. Herbert, *King's Sutton*
 1743 Mr. Hartwell, at the Angel Inn, *Wellingborough*
 1743 Mrs. Hodges, *Soulgrave*
 1743 Rev. Mr. Hervey, jun. *Collingtree*
 1743 Samuel Harding, Esq; *Brackley*
 1743 Mrs. Eleanor Hartnell, *Kingsthorp*
 1743 Rev. Mr. Robert Harding, *Potterspury*
 1743 Mr. John Hanwell, *Long-Buckby*
 1744 Rev. Mr. Hargrave, *Nether Heyford*
 1744 Mr. Alderman Hayes, *Northampton*
 1745 Mrs. Harding, *Rushton*

I

- 1743 Mrs. Mary Ifed, *Northampton*
 1743 Mrs. Philippa Ifed, *Ditto*
 1743 Rev. Mr. Jackson, *Rushton*
 1743 Rev. Mr. Jackson, *Green's-Norton*
 1743 Rev. Mr. Jephcott, *Kislingbury*
 1743 Mr. Alderman Jeffcutt, *Northampton*

K

- 1743 Rev. Dr. Knowler, *Boddington*
 1743 Rev. Mr. Keynton, *Bugbrook*
 1743 Rev. Mr. King, *Welford*
 1743 Mr. Benjamin Knott, *Northampton*
 1743 Mrs. Knapp, *Ditto*

L

- 1743 Rev. Mr. Henry Layng, Prebendary of *Lincoln*, and
 Rector of *Paulerspury*
 1743 Mr. J. Lucas, Fellow of All-Souls College, *Oxford*
 1743 Rev. Mr. Leigh, *Stoke-Bruerne*
 1743 Rev. Mr. Lye, *Yardley-Hastings*
 1743 Rev. Mr. Locock, *Northampton*
 1743 Mr. Henry Locock, Apothecary, *Ditto*
 1743 Mr. Samuel Leeke, *Litchborough*
 1743 Rev. Mr. Lloyd, *Croughton*
 1744 Mrs. Luck, (Mistress of the Boarding-School for young
 Ladies) *Northampton*
 1744 Mrs. Lancaster, *Northampton*
 1746 Rev. Mr. Lloyd, *Stow nine Churches*

M

- 1743 Mr. Thomas Mercer, *Hackleton*, deceased
 1743 Edward Maunsel, Esq; *Thorpe-Malsor*
 1743 Rev. Mr. Mapletost, *Byfield*
 1743 Mr. Maul, *Wellingborough*

1743 Mr.

- 1743 Mr. William Manning, *Northampton*
 1743 Rev. Mr. Mayo, *Brington*
 1743 * Rev. Mr. Maul, *Castle Afsby*

N

- 1743 Rev. Mr. Nixon, *Easton-Nefton*
 1743 Mrs. Norris, *Welford*
 1743 Mr. Alderman Newcome, *Northampton*

P

- 1743 Nath. Peirce, Esq; *Chapel-Brampton*
 1743 Mrs. Ann Palmer, *Eaton*
 1743 Mrs. Palmer, *Hampstead*
 1743 * Rev. Mr. James Patham, *Dallington*
 1743 Mr. John Pinkard, *Northampton*
 1743 Rev. Mr. Poulton, *Islip*
 1743 Rev. Mr. Parr, *Woud*
 1743 Parish of *Thorp*, by Mark Howes
 1743 Parish of *Silverston*
 1744 Rev. Dr. Pemberton, *Culworth*
 1745 Parish of *Kingsthorp*
 1746 Rev. Mr. Pennington, *Huntingdon*

R

- 1743 Christopher Rigby, Esq; *Cosgrave*
 1743 Rev. Mr. Ruffel, *Souldern*
 1743 Rev. Mr. Rodd, *Towcester*
 1743 * Rev. Mr. Daniel Rushworth, *Northampton*
 1743 Mr. William Rose, *Northampton*
 1743 Mr. Valentine Roberts, *Ditto*
 1743 Mr. Timothy Rogers, *Ditto*
 1743 Mr. Joshua Remmington, *Ditto*
 1743 Miss Rogers, *Wellingborough*
 1744 Mr. Thomas Richards, *Northampton*
 1747 Mr. Joseph Robinson, Post-Master, at the Peacock Inn,
Northampton

S

- 1743 Mrs. Stonhouse, *Northampton*
 1743 Mr. Samuel Shepherd, *Bradwell, Bucks*
 1743 Rev. Mr. Sheppard, *Brockhall*
 1743 Rev. Mr. Spateman, *Whilton*
 1743 Rev. Mr. Scott, *Wootton*
 1743 Rev. Mr. Spenser, *Chipping-Warden*
 1743 Mr. Edward Sawbridge, *Daventry*
 1743 Mrs. Sparkes, *Wellingborough*
 1743 Mr. Smith, *Daventry*
 1743 Mr. John Smith, *Northampton*
 1743 Mr. Joseph Stephenson, *Yardly-Chase*

1743 Mr.

- 1743 Mr. Hugh Sharp, *Northampton*
 1743 Society belonging to the White-Hart in Cotton-End
 near *Northampton*
 1744 Mr. Thomas Squires, *Thrapston*
 1744 Mrs. Saunderfon, *Moulton*
 1745 Rev. Mr. Sharp, *Wellingborough*
 1745 Society at the Shoulder of Mutton, *Northampton*
 1745 Mr. William Smart, Bookfeller and Stationer, *North-*
ampton

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- 1743 Mr. Henry Thornton, *Towcester*
 1743 Rev. Mr. Thompson, *Cosgrave*
 1743 Mr. Thomas Taylor, *Wellingborough*
 1743 Mr. Thomas Treslove, *Northampton*
 1743 Dr. Andrew Tryst, *Banbury*
 1744 Rev. Mr. Taylor, *Daventry*
 1745 Mr. George Thompson, *Northampton*

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- 1743 Mr. John Vinter, *Northampton*, deceas'd
 1746 Unknown, by the Rev. Mr. J. Hill, L. L. B.

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- 1743 Mrs. Wykes, *Hazelbeach*
 1743 Richard Woodford, Esq; *Northampton*
 1743 * Rev. Mr. John Woodford, *Pisford*
 1743 Rev. Mr. Whitworth, *Bugden*
 1743 Rev. Mr. Benj. Warren, *Bugbrooke*
 1743 Mr. Samuel Whithorn, *Northampton*, deceas'd
 1743 Mrs. Rebecca Woolton, *Northampton*
 1743 Mr. John Warner, *Kettering*
 1743 Mr. John Watkins, *Aynho*
 1743 Mr. Watts, *Brackley*
 1743 Mr. John Waters, *Daventry*
 1743 Mr. James Whiting, *Harlestone*
 1743 Mr. Welchman, Attorney at Law, *Brackley*
 1743 Thomas Ward, Esq; *Guilfordborough*
 1743 Mr. James Woolton, Attorney at Law, *Northampton*
 1745 Mrs. Woodford, *Northampton*
 1745 Mr. John Woolton, *Ditto*
 1746 Mr. James Williamfon, *Ditto*

Y

- 1743 Rev. Mr. Yates, *Whittlebury*
 1743 * Mr. Thomas Yeoman, *Northampton*

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Total of Annual Subscriptions

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This LIST can never be very exact, nor tally with the Cash-Account, from the Deaths of some of the SUBSCRIBERS, and Arrears due from others. But if any GENTLEMAN'S Subscription be mistaken, or NAME accidentally omitted in this LIST, he is desir'd to certify it to Mr. Treasurer WOOLSTON, that it may be set Right in his Books.

The SUBSCRIBERS are desired to remember,

That no one can have a Right to recommend a Patient, 'till he has contributed to the Relief of such Patient, by the Payment of his Subscription *before-hand*; without which, the Patient would not be relieved at his Expence: And therefore the Governors earnestly intreat them to consider, how much the Good of the Charity depends upon the ordering the Payment of their Subscriptions (to the Treasurer at the County Infirmary, or at his House in *Northampton*, or Mess. *Gosling and Bennett*, our present Bankers, in *Fleet-Street, London*) on or before the *First Day of September* (to which Time the annual Accounts are carried). This will always be thankfully acknowledged as a valuable Circumstance in their Contributions, because it will save the Trouble and Expence of a Collection (that will otherwise become necessary) and ease the Governors, immediately concerned, of that Part of their Business, which otherwise must be very troublesome and vexatious to them.—

N. B. Whoever subscribes after the *Second Day in September*, He shall have it in his Option (and is desired to declare at the Time of Subscribing, that all Mis-understanding may be prevented) whether his Subscription shall be deemed to commence from the preceding or following *September*.

1745 Mr. Alderman *Joseph Woolston* of *Northampton*,
Treasurer.

1743 Dr. Charles Kimberley, <i>ex Aede Christi Oxon.</i>	} Physician Extraordinary	} Who have all engag'd to attend <i>Gratis</i> , for the ensuing Year.
1743 Dr. James Stonhouse, <i>e Coll. Div. Job. Bapt. Oxon.</i>		
1743 Dr. Samuel Mayne, <i>e Coll. Exon. Oxon.</i>	} Physicians in Ordinary	
1743 Mr. Alderman Charles Lyon,		
1743 Mr. Edward Litchfield,	} Surgeons	

Mr. Samuel Lucas, *Apothecary*

Mr. Henry Woolley, (*Bookfeller and Stationer*) *Secretary*

Mrs. Esther White, *Matron*

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Given between the 1st of *September* 1746,
and the 1st of *September* 1747.

(Exclusive of the SUBSCRIBERS towards the
Purchase of the INFIRMARY HOUSE.)

		<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
1746				
<i>Octob.</i> 18	M R S. Elizabeth Calvert, <i>Yardly Hastings</i>	}	1	1 0
	Unknown, by the Rev. Mr. Lye, <i>Ditto</i>		1	1 0
<i>Nov.</i> 8.	A Lottery - Ticket given by Lady Betty Germain, which coming up a Blank, was sold for	}	5	14 6
<i>Dec.</i> 13.	Unknown, by the Rev. Mr. Hammond		2	10 0
	Unknown, by William Cartwright, Esq;		2	2 0
<i>Apr.</i> 4.	Mrs. K. P.		1	1 0
	The Right Hon. Countess Gower, being Part of the Charity Money left to her Disposal, by the late Thomas Earl of Thanet	}	300	0 0
11	Unknown, by the Rev. Mr. Hervey, jun. <i>Collingtree</i>	}	0	13 6
25	* Mrs. Elwes, by the Hands of Mr. John Palmer, of <i>Eaton</i>	}	100	0 0
				<i>May</i>

May 23 Unknown, by the Rev. Mr. Horton,	}	2	2	0
<i>Guiltsborough</i>				
Ditto, By Mr. Joseph Robinson, Post-Master		0	5	0
July 4. Ditto, By Mrs. White, the Matron		1	1	0
Sept. 2. Rév. Mr. Welchman, <i>Dodford</i>		0	10	6
A Legacy by Mrs. Bowes, paid by Messrs.	}	10	0	0
Daniel and Newman, her Executors				
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Total of the Benefactions (exclusive of Mrs. Elwes's 100 l.)	}	328	1	6

N. B. Besides these Benefactions, Six Guineas were given in December last, to JAMES STONHOUSE, M. D. by a GENTLEMAN, who desir'd to be concealed, that the Doctor might Procure a Sacramental Chalice and Paten, for the Use of the Patients; which was immediately purchas'd, and deliver'd to the Governors in the Manner directed by the DONOR.

A LIST of such BENEFACTORS, as by the Rules are entit'ed to be GOVERNORS for Life, and have Power to recommend the same Number of Patients as the Subscribers of Five Guineas.

N. B. It is directed by our Statutes, that no Benefactor of any less Sum than FIFTY Pounds, given at one Time, shall ever be invested with the Privileges of five Guineas Subscribers.

1743 William Cartwright, Esq; <i>Aynho</i>		52	10	0
1743 Rev. Richard Newton, S. T. P. Principal of <i>Hertford College, Oxford</i> (being Part of the Charity Money left to his Disposal by Knightly D'Anvers, Esq;)	}	50	0	0
1746 * Mrs. Elwes, <i>Chiswick</i> , by Mr. John Palmer of <i>Edon</i>	}	100	0	0
1746 * William Stratford, L. L. D. (Commissary of the Arch-Deaconry of <i>Richmond</i> in <i>Yorkshire</i>) <i>Lancaster</i>	}	100	0	0
1746 Unknown Person, by James Stonhouse, M. D. Physician in Ordinary to the County Infirmary	}	50	0	0

* * The above Benefactions of 300 l. mark'd thus * are not yet particularly appropriated; 'till they are, the Remainder of

of them, above what has been borrow'd for the Purchase of the Infirmary-House, will be put out to Interest by the Governors, for the Benefit of the Charity.

N. B. As the principal Governors have a Right to act at all Boards, and to enquire into all the Affairs of the Society, they are hereby desired to make frequent Use of this Power, and assured that their Presence to this Purpose is considered as a valuable Addition to their Charity. And to prevent Uncertainty and Confusion in the Estimate of our Revenue and Accounts, and in order to supply the current Expence, *it was ordered* by a General Court, that the *following* Circular Letter, should be sent by every Quarterly Court to those whose Subscriptions are in Arrear, which it is hoped no Subscriber can take amiss, in as much as the Consent of every one of them to be thus reminded, is included in the Act of their Representatives, the General Board, who made this Order.

S I R,

IN Compliance with the Rules of this Society, I am to acquaint you, that it appears by the Secretary's Books, that your Years Subscription of Guineas per Annum, payable on the first of September last, has not yet been receiv'd. It is therefore the Request of this Quarterly Court, (as they hope for the Continuance of your Favour) that you would please to pay it to Mr. Alderman Woolston of Northampton, the present Treasurer; or to Mess. Gosling and Bennet, our present Bankers, in Fleet-Street London; and excuse this Application, as it is the constant Usage of other INFIRMARIES in the like Case.

Sign'd by the Chairman of the Quarterly Court.

Sign'd, HENRY WOOLLEY, Secretary.

It is taken for granted, (as usual in all other Infirmaryes) that every Subscriber will continue his Subscription for the ensuing Year, who has not sent a Notice to the contrary, in Writing, to the Committee at the Infirmary, before the first Day of September.

It has pleased God to bless us with such Success, that several distressed Objects (some of them even from the Neighbourhood of Peterborough, Oundle and Stamford in the Eastern, and from Brackley in the Western Division of the County) have been perfectly CURED, and from labouring under the Oppression of some of the most inveterate Diseases (even of 15 or 20 Years standing) and unhappy Accidents, have been
reinflated

reinstated in their honest and industrious Capacities of Working ; whereby the Publick *again* enjoy the Benefit of their Labour, and they and their poor Families are preserved from perishing, and prevented from being a *constant* Incumbrance to the Community. All the Particulars and plain Matters of Fact may be seen by any Person, who will give himself the Trouble of examining the Journals at the Infirmary, and will be found exactly to correspond with this General Abstract, which we have here caus'd to be made Publick.

A General Abstract of all the Patients perfectly cur'd (and register'd accordingly) from the first Opening of the County Infirmary.

From 29 March, 1744, (the Day of Opening) to Sept. 1, 1744.	-	-	-	-	51
From 1 Sept. 1744, to Sept. 1, 1745,	-	-	-	-	161
From 1 Sept. 1745, to Sept. 1, 1746,	-	-	-	-	122
From 1 Sept. 1746, to Sept. 1. 1747,	-	-	-	-	140
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Total					474

Besides the Cure of these 474, Sixty-eight Persons have receiv'd great Benefit, whose Cases would not admit of a perfect Cure. — and several others, who were known to be cured, (or greatly reliev'd) have not had the Gratitude to return publick Thanks, and consequently could not be register'd properly by the Committee.

N. B. For the Satisfaction of the Curious, the Governors have thought proper to acquaint the Publick, that (from the most exact and minute Calculations made at Winchester, Exeter, York, and Northampton Infirmaries) the weekly Expence of DRUGS for each Patient upon an Average is about 9d. — and the whole Accommodation of an In-Patient per Week (upon an Average) with Drugs, Lodging, Diet, Attendance, &c. may be estimated one Year with another at about 6s. — so that as every In-Patient (one with another) is computed to stay in the Infirmary about twelve Weeks, the whole Expence of an In-Patient must necessarily stand the Governors in 3l. 12 s. 6d. — A clear Demonstration how much 'tis for the Interest of the Parishes (considered as such) by their liberal and annual Contributions, to perpetuate this Charity ; — and hence likewise 'tis evident, that if each Subscriber was to recommend an In-Patient every Year for each

such Guinea he subscribes, no Infirmary by such small annual Contributions could possibly be supported. — But it has ever been found by Experience, that the few Recommendations from some, have over ballanc'd the disproportionate Expence of the Recommendation from others; and thus it is that these excellent Charities have subsisted, and many useful Lives have been preserved, which might otherwise have inevitably been lost.

Yet notwithstanding all these Demonstrations, from Experience of the *Extensive* Good Effects of this Institution (than which nothing can be *less* liable to Abuse) some still continue to alledge their *Distance from the Infirmary* as a Reason against their receiving any Benefit from, and therefore against their Subscribing to it: Such are Earnestly INTREATED to observe, both from the Reason of the Thing, and from the Experience of *Winchester, Exeter, York, &c.* that in most Cases, particularly those that are Dropsical, Rheumatick, Paralytick, &c. &c. &c. and in all Chirurgical Operations, (some broken Limbs excepted) such as reside *near* the Infirmary have little or no Advantage over those at a *Distance*, except in the Expence of Travelling, which can be but a Trifle from any Part of the County, and which will generally be more than repaid (laying the Cure out of the Case) by the Time of our keeping, and Charge of maintaining the Patient: (which is frequently 8, 10, or even 12 Months, and sometimes longer) So that the Benefit to be reaped will not so much depend on living nearer to, or farther from the Infirmary, as on having more or less Poor to provide for: And therefore those Gentlemen who have the largest Property, and greatest Estates, are the Persons whose Interests are chiefly concerned (next to the Objects themselves) in the Support of this County Infirmary.

It is well known that Patients are very commonly carry'd to the Infirmarys in *London*, and the PUBLICK Infirmary at *Bath*, Sixty, Eighty, or an Hundred Miles: So advantageous is it thought to lodge the Sick Poor in those salutary Places.

Further Satisfaction cannot be given by Arguments, than we have already done,—we only wish that those who have not yet subscribed to, or seen the INFIRMARY, would come and look upon us and our Proceedings, the Neatness and Commodiousness of the Wards, cold and hot Baths, Garden, &c. the Oeconomy of our Family, the Diligence,

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derness, and Skill that the Patients are attended with, the Content and Satisfaction that appears in the Countenances of the Poor Creatures, even under the *severest Regimens*, the Regularity and Order of the WHOLE; and we doubt not but the agreeable Prospect will enlarge their Ideas of this Charity, and remove every Difficulty that even *the most distant Inhabitant* in the County can possibly make, and silence every Objection that, *thro' Misrepresentations*, the most Prejudiced can be *supposed* to entertain against it.

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